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(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Beware of Bogus Issuance Requesting Form W-8 BEN.** Several tribes have received a fax issuance on what appears to be an IRS letterhead, informing them that they are non-resident aliens and are exempt from federal taxation. This letter is not from the Internal Revenue Service, and you should not follow any of the instructions contained within the letter, nor complete or submit the form that is attached to it. The letter is an identity theft scam. The LRBOI tribal government received one of these fax's 2.8 and turned it in to the IRS.

(Cultural related items)

- **Arts and Culture Alliance.** The ACA, which was created with tribal participation in Manistee's EnVision project has a website www.allartsmanistee.com. promoting local cultural events. Tribal Public Information has started providing them information on the Jiingtamok and other tribal cultural events. Please let the PIDept know of upcoming art and cultural events for this site.
- **Snowsnake Tournament.** After receiving a nice amount of snow recently, the LRBOI Cultural Preservation Committee has decided to hold its annual Snowsnake Tournament February 24th. To register, you may call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or 231-398-2222 or email CPC@lrboi.com.
- **Museum Mannequin Project.** The museum (LRCR) project is continuing to move forward. More photos have been taken this week and submitted to help in the design and construction of the figures being used for the display. (CPC/PID)

Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Members Assistance.** Motor Fuels Assistance Act of 2006 **DEADLINE DATE EXTENDED!**
The deadline to submit the receipts for the Motors Fuels Assistance Program has been extended to August 1st, 2007. Tribal Council approved this extension due to member concerns with not being able to utilize the entire amount by the previous deadline date.
- **Members Assistance Survey.** The Community Wellbeing and Support Surveys were mailed out February 1st to all eligible members enrolled as of January 1st of the program 2007. The Members Assistance Department has received more than 1000 surveys already. Each survey must be reviewed to make sure it is complete, sign and

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dated. Once the survey is verified as complete it is placed on a list to the Accounting Department for processing of the payment. The list is sent to the Accounting Department at the end of each week and processed for payment during the regular check run of Tuesday and Thursday. With the tremendous influx of surveys it will take time to process the surveys. Initially the timing to receive the check is no less than 2 weeks. Payment amount for the survey is the same as 2006 with

\$1500 to adults and \$500 to minors. Thank-you for the response to the survey and please be patient with the payment processing.

(Emergency Management items)

- **DHS/Emergency Management.** The 2007 guidelines and requirements from the Department of Homeland Security are in and the tribal Emergency Operations/ICS teams that helped the tribe reach compliance guidelines last year are reviewing the new requirements to see what additional training/staffing has to be done. These requirements affect the tribes' ability to receive grant money from Federal agencies. (PI/TEPC)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.